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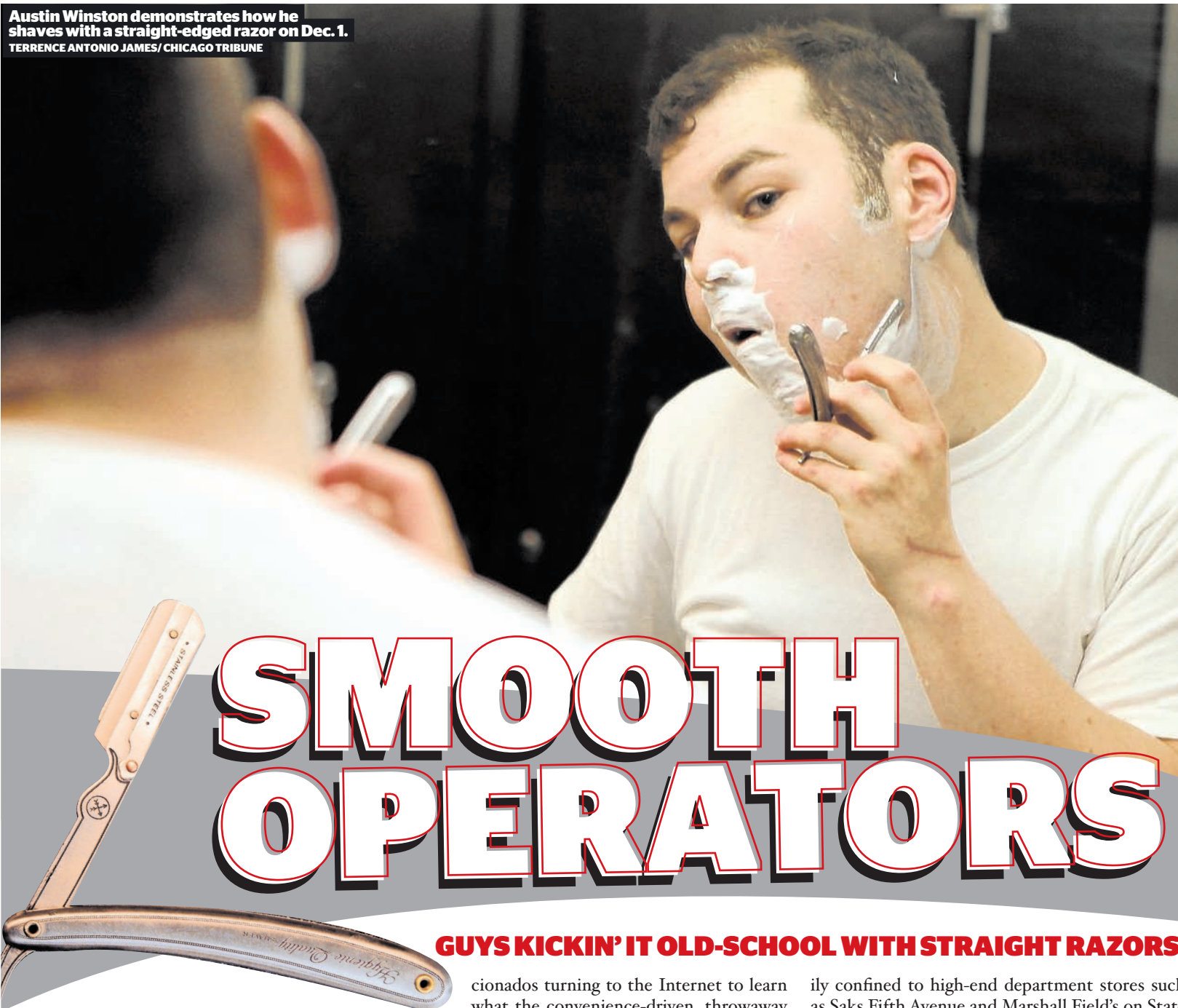
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Austin Winston demonstrates how he shaves with a straight-edged razor on Dec. 1.
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Chicago Tribune

Austin Winston is discovering the lost art of the old-fashioned shave.

Each day, the 21-year-old engineering student walks into the dormitory bathroom at the Illinois Institute of Technology toting a basket of shaving supplies reminiscent of his grandfather's generation: hand-held bowl, cotton washcloth, round bar of shaving soap, double-edged safety razor, stainless steel straightedge razor, badger-hair shaving brush and a good dose of patience.

"You have to be really careful, because you pay for your mistakes," said Winston, stretching the skin on his neck with his fingers and running a straightedge razor across his throat. "You know you're doing it right when you know the blade is on your skin, but you don't feel it. It's cool."

Winston is part of a growing cadre of shaving afi-

cionados turning to the Internet to learn what the convenience-driven, throwaway era of their fathers never taught them.

Rather than standing at bathroom sinks next to their dads, the men are sitting in front of computers watching YouTube videos and shaving blogs that demonstrate the intricacies of traditional shaves: how to properly hold a safety razor, techniques for building a good lather and even a 22-step breakdown of the anatomy of a straight razor.

Although traditional wet shaving is a niche market, it is gaining so much momentum that Procter & Gamble's Gillette—with 70 percent of the market, it's the king of disposable razors—has jumped into the game. Since P&G acquired the Art of Shaving in 2009, the New York-based shaving boutique and product line has become the fastest-growing brand in P&G's beauty and grooming division, company spokesman Damon Jones said.

P&G has been pouring money into expanding the Art of Shaving's retail presence, once primar-

ily confined to high-end department stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Field's on State Street.

The past two years, the number of Art of Shaving stores has doubled to 63, and more than half have a barbershop inside where men can get an old-fashioned hot shave. The wood-paneled stores sell \$45 shaving soaps in teak bowls, and \$150 badger brushes in an atmosphere reminiscent of a 19th-century English barbershop.

Traditional wet shaving got a big boost last year when Cincinnati-based P&G launched a national advertising campaign, Art of Shaving's first since it was founded in 1996, touting the "brotherhood of shaving."

Plans call for the company to operate 70 stores by the end of next year and to roll out pop-up, or temporary, shops in urban markets, Jones said. Art of Shaving's first pop-up store opened Nov. 15 at 11 N. LaSalle St., where it is slated to operate through Jan. 15.

A cut above

Although there are plenty of men who prefer the convenience of a quick shave with a disposable or electric razor, sales of traditional wet shave products are on the rise. Here's a look at the numbers. **TRIBUNE**

\$2.1 MILLION

The U.S. market for men's razors and blades rose 5.7 percent, to \$2.1 billion, in 2010, after remaining essentially flat for the previous three years, according to Euromonitor International.

12 PERCENT

Sales of shaving items on eBay increased, on average, 12 percent this year, said Amanda Coffee, spokeswoman for the online auction website.

\$80.6 MILLION

Department store sales of high-end men's skin care products, including shaving lotions and facial cleansers, gained 10 percent, to \$80.6 million, for the 12 months through September, according to NPD Group.

It's like Hooters, except with pecs



Jen Kim
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What do women want exactly?

You'd think the answer would be simple, especially since I am a member of the Double X-Chromosome Club, but sometimes, I'm not sure what the recipe for happiness entails.

For men, it seems easy enough. There is a place, which presses every man's happy button. Think of it as the Disneyland for the

male id.

Welcome to Hooters, how may we serve you?

The Hooters experience begins with buxom waitresses, eager to feed the male mouth and ego in ways that exist only in beer commercials.

While men stuff themselves with wings, chicks in short-shorts stuff their tank tops with their chests. More cleavage means more tips. More tips means more cleavage. It's a win-win for all involved—that is, except for me, and other women who don't enjoy live breast meat at eye-level while trying to enjoy a nice cobb salad.

Which is why a savvy entrepreneur in South Korea turned the dining tables on the Hooters' experience, according to a recent CNN story. If you happen to find yourself in the Gangnam district in Seoul, you may run into a long line of ladies, eagerly waiting to get into the hottest new restaurant in town: Mies Container.

What are they waiting for? Some think it may be the food; others surmise it's the original architecture—an award-winning facility resembling an industrial warehouse. But I have a hunch that it has more to do with the servers—all “energetic” and good-looking men who unabashedly flirt with the female patrons.

Mies Container hires only young men—with construction worker builds and supermodel looks—to work the floor of the restaurant. Apparently, they dish out compliments along with the main course, and

in return, receive love notes written on napkins from smitten diners. It's a perfect relationship, for the half-hour these women dine there.

As hunky-dory as this all sounds, I think Mies Container (or any other similar restaurant venture) should take it a few steps further.

Ogling a hot waiter can get tiresome real fast, especially if he's giving every estrogen-laden lady the same special treatment.

In addition to paying compliments, servers should single out each customer and ask her about her day and/or if that annoying bitch at work was being a bitch again. A simple “How was your day, beautiful?” or “I can't believe they haven't fired that idiot yet” will suffice. They also should make sure to include a “You are so skinny!” somewhere in the conversation.

All servers should ooze charm, humor and intelligence. Instead of hearing “nice boobs,” women will be subject to George Clooney-style flattery—perhaps a recitation of non-cheesy poetry or an original song, written expressly for them.

Moreover, the restaurant should have a designated station specifically for women to bring their hard-to-open pickle jars and containers. As handsome men remove your lids, they will not make mean comments about your weakness or make any wisecracks at your expense. Instead they will ask you if you want a foot rub.

Lastly, the dishwashing station should be at the center of the dining room. There's nothing quite as gratifying as watching attractive men happily doing your dishes, while you sit back and relax, for a change.

If this kind of restaurant truly existed, forget dinner—I'd move into the joint.

JEN KIM IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

“How was your day, beautiful?”



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STATUS UPDATE

There never is a shortage of opinions in Chicago. Here are some of our fave comments on the week's news on RedEye's Facebook wall.

Free food, no rent and free laundry is a pretty sweet deal even if it did come at a lack of total independence.

—Matt Lindner on Thursday's cover story about 20-somethings moving back in with their parents



All I ever needed to learn about Kim Jong Il I learned from “Team America.”

—Christine Cannek Lizzo on the death of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il

Please disinfect the toys.

—Estela Balderas on the Admiral Theater's offer of a \$10 lap dance to anyone who brought in an unused toy for charity

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IT'S BAR-THIRTY

CHICAGO WATERING HOLES STAYING OPEN FOR BULLS, BEARS GAMES SUNDAY

By Emily Van Zandt

REDEYE

Between the gifts, the overeating and the family obligations, Christmas day can be hectic for anyone. But for Chicago sports fans, this year will be even more complicated.

Thanks to scheduling bordering on a holiday miracle, both the Bulls and Bears will play major away games Sunday, with the Bulls making their post-lockout debut against the L.A. Lakers and the Bears meeting with Green Bay.

With both games scheduled to broadcast on national networks, many Chicago bars are opening their doors on the national holiday to accommodate fans who are opting for fandom over family time.

"We're a sports bar, and no self-respecting sports bar is going to be closed for the Bears/Packers game," said Scott Weiner, owner of Ukrainian Village sports bar The Fifty/50. The bar has never been open on Christmas Day before, but when management started tossing around the idea of opening for the game, many on staff expressed an interest in working. Staff will have the majority of the day to spend with family before the bar opens at 6 p.m. for the 7:20 Bears game on NBC.

"Honestly, I have no expectations for the crowd," Weiner said. "We're full for every Bears game, but with the way the team has been playing and the holiday, it's hard to tell."

Among the numerous city sports bars opening Sunday are Lotties Pub in Bucktown, Kelsey's in Lincoln Park, The Anthem in Ukrainian Village, O'Donovan's in North Center, Timothy O'Toole's in Gold Coast and The Scout Waterhouse & Kitchen in the South Loop.

Even fans watching the game from home are having to do some juggling to fit everything in.

Since her family celebrates together on Christmas Eve, Nancy Torres, 28, of Bucktown, plans to dedicate Christmas to all things NBA.

"We hated the lockout and we're excited to see the Bulls back in action," said Torres, whose only scheduling conflict comes in trying to find a few hours in the afternoon to take her kids to see "The Adventures of Tintin" before the Bulls take the court at 4 p.m. on ABC. "Missing the Bulls play the Lakers is not an option."

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THE DIGIT

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more than 100 of their brethren gathered Thursday at the fire scene (right)—now a vacant lot—to memorialize them and every other Chicago firefighter who died on this date.

Firefighters Corey Ankum, 34, of Tower Ladder 34, and Edward Stringer, 47, of Engine Company 63, were killed on Dec. 22, 2010 while battling a blaze at an abandoned laundry at 1744 E. 75th St. in South Shore. **TRIBUNE, E. JASON WAMBSGANS/**

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A year after a roof collapse that killed two Chicago firefighters,



EXPRESS LINES

- » Gay rights groups say Cardinal Francis George crossed the line Wednesday when he compared the gay rights movement to the Ku Klux Klan.
- » Antoin "Tony" Rezko, the former top adviser and fundraiser to ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, was spared Thursday from serving more time in prison after reaching an agreement with prosecutors. He has at least 5 more years left to serve on his 10 1/2 year term.
- » A Lake County, Ill., pastor is imploring Bulls star Derrick Rose to help end Adidas' legal attack on his congregation over a trademark dispute involving the company's popular adiZero line. **TRIBUNE**

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2011 Pride parade
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Pride Parade back to rocking a noon start

By Mick Swasko

REDEYE

Chicago Pride Parade organizers, Ald. Tom Tunney (44th) and church officials have reached an agreement to move the annual march back to its noon start time after leaders at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Boystown voiced concern a new route and time would interfere with services.

In a joint statement released late Wednesday, Tunney and parade organizers said a compromise was reached. When parade organizers announced in October that the parade's route and time had changed, with the parade starting at 10 a.m., church officials said the route would make it difficult for parishioners to attend mass June 24, a Sunday.

Talks between the church and other officials ensued.

"Some people like the change, some people didn't," Pride parade coordinator Richard Pfeiffer said of the decision, which was reached last week. Pfeiffer said the original decision to hold the parade earlier was intended, in part, to curb drinking during the

event, but "good faith" talks led to the decision to keep the parade at its original noon start time. He also added that in the future, he would like to see an earlier start to the parade.

"Everyone agreed that they didn't want to see this parade canceled," Max Bever, director of communications for Tunney's office, said, adding that the office didn't want to see issues like overindulgence and safety concerns that shuttered the South Side St. Patrick's Day parade shut down the Pride parade.

Bever said the new, longer route for the parade will help police and fire officials keep a better eye on crowds.

"Having one direct route will be easier for police to monitor open containers as well," he said. "At the very least, this new route will present an opportunity to keep a lid on it, so to speak."

Rev. Thomas E. Srenn, who heads the church, said he was happy with the outcome.

"Everyone at the table believes we reached a reasonable and good solution," he said.

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LOOP

Plaza OK'd for G-8, NATO protests

When the G-8 and NATO protests kick off in the spring, Daley Plaza likely will be the starting point. After initially rejecting an anti-war group's application to hold a rally at one of Chicago's primary gathering spots in the Loop, the city's Public Building Commission has reversed course.

MAG MILE

Family seeking hit-run driver

The family of a young woman seriously injured by a hit-and-run driver on the Magnificent Mile is appealing to the public for help as police report little progress in the case. Meghann Eff, 28, was flagging down a cab near Pearson Street early Sunday morning when she was hit by a silver or gray car.

LINCOLN PARK

Driver's BAC was 3 times legal limit

A Lincoln Park woman's blood alcohol content was nearly three times the legal limit Tuesday when her SUV plowed into a dozen parked cars as well as an office building at Children's Memorial Hospital, sending herself and another person to the hospital, authorities said. TRIBUNE



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Breast implant scare

1 Fears over the safety of breast implants made by a now defunct French firm spread to Australia, South America and across Europe on Thursday as French officials prepared to decide if thousands of women should have their implants surgically removed.

U.S. condemns attacks

2 The United States condemned a wave of bombings Thursday that killed at least 72 people in Iraq, and Vice President Joe Biden spoke with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani to voice support for his efforts to calm sectarian tension, the White House said.

Arrested and schooled?

3 Many Occupy L.A. protesters arrested during demonstrations in recent months are being offered a unique chance to avoid court trials: pay \$355 to a private company for a lesson in free speech.

Leak suspect on trial

4 The Army intelligence analyst suspected of leaking classified files to the WikiLeaks website gave U.S. enemies "unfettered access" to government secrets, a military prosecutor said Thursday, but a defense lawyer said the soldier had done no harm.

Candy bars and snow survival

5 A college student stranded by heavy snow in her car for nine days on a barren Arizona road has been rescued after living on candy bars and melted snow, authorities said Thursday.

Wet flights across South

Snowfall in the Rockies and soaking rain in the South will mean likely delays for holiday travelers on the first official day of winter, forecasters said Thursday.

Girl found 7 years later

6 An 8-year-old girl who was swept away from her mother's arms during the 2004 tsunami that hit Indonesia has been found alive and reunited with her parents, according to the Indonesian state news agency Antara.

The girl, who was identified by state news only as Wati, now 15, was reportedly discovered nearly seven years after the tsunami devastated the coastlines of Asia.

Wati was in the village of Ujong Baroh when flood waters came crashing in.

"Her mother, Yusniar, was trying to take her

and her two siblings to a safe place, but somehow she lost her grip on her mother's arm and was carried away by the rushing waters, leaving her mother powerless to help her," the state news agency said. "Yusniar was able to save her two other children, but she and the rest of the family eventually had to resign themselves to the notion that Wati was lost as she never returned nor had anybody in the neighborhood seen her again dead or alive."

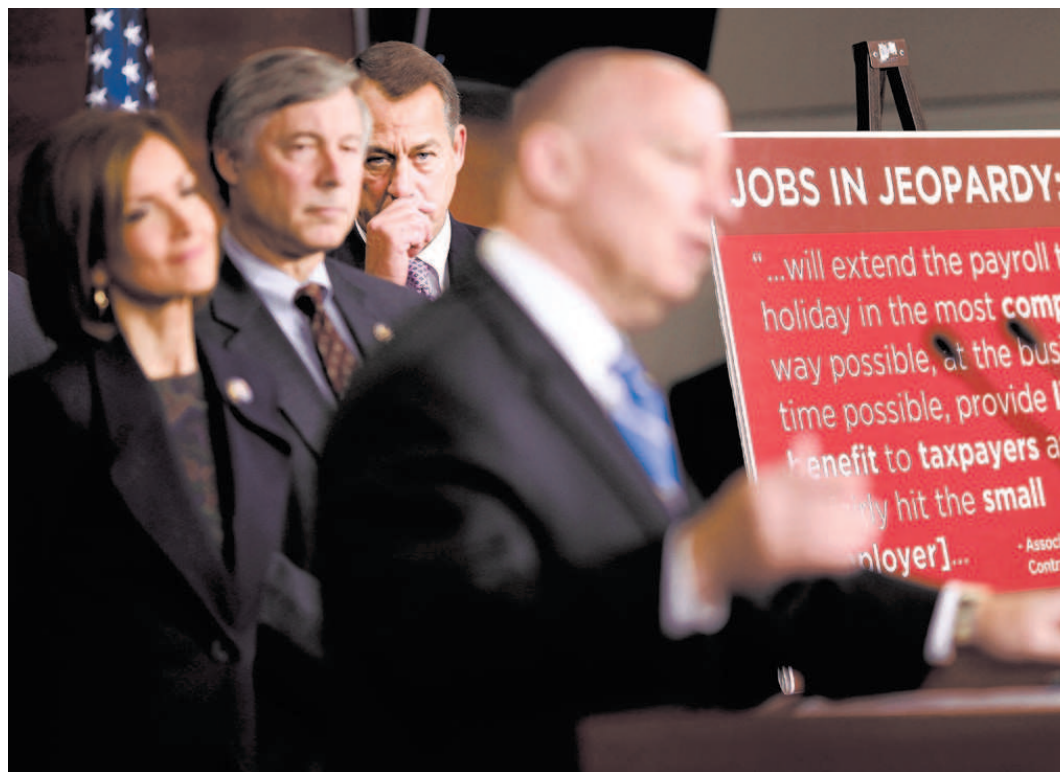
The now teenage Wati was spotted in a coffee shop near her home in West Aceh, Indonesia.

She said that "she had come there by bus

HISTORY LESSON

A 2004 earthquake with an estimated magnitude of between 9.1 and 9.3 struck the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia, and triggered a deadly tsunami that killed more than 200,000 people.

from Banda Aceh and was trying to find her way back home but did not know how. She also could not remember any of her parents' or relatives' names except Ibrahim," according to Antara.



Rep. Nan Hayworth (from left), Rep. Fred Upton and House Speaker John Boehner watch as Rep. Kevin Brady speaks during a news conference Thursday with fellow GOP House members who want to negotiate new payroll tax cut legislation at the U.S. Capitol. GETTY IMAGES

House OKs tax compromise

7 WASHINGTON House Speaker John Boehner on Thursday announced an agreement with Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid to extend the payroll tax cut for two months.

The deal amounted to a reversal of the opposition by House Republicans of the two-month extension passed by the Senate.

According to Republican and Democratic sources, previously recalcitrant House GOP leaders agreed to the short-term extension of the tax break to allow time for further negotiations.

Those terms were part of a bipartisan Senate deal that President Obama and congressional Democrats demanded the House accept.

The deal also includes the addition of legislative language to ease the administrative burden on small businesses implementing the plan, Boehner said in a statement.

THE DIGIT

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8 The world's biggest lottery on Thursday showered prizes worth \$3.3 billion on Spaniards, with the jackpot going to a small farming village. The Christmas lottery awarded 180 jackpots, each worth \$5.2 million. The series of 180 tickets carrying the winning number 58268 was sold entirely in Granen, a village of nearly 2,000 residents in northern Huesca province.



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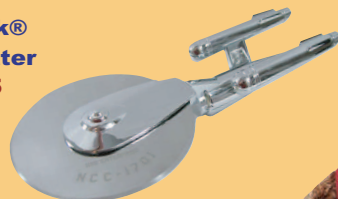
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RUNS ON TURKEY, PRESENTS AND HOOPS—IT'S GONNA BE A GREAT CHRISTMAS FOR TAJ GIBSON AND THE BULLS

DUNKIN'

Bulls at L.A. Lakers
4 p.m. Sunday, ABC

By Georgia Garvey | REDEYE

Taj Gibson might not be the Bulls' superstar, but the soft-spoken forward nevertheless offered up his fair share of highlight-reel-worthy moments in the team's

postseason run last spring. Most spectacularly, he threw down a dunk practically on top of Miami's Dwyane Wade, a slam that put him into the headlines for days. But don't expect Gibson to brag about it. Instead, he throws the credit to C.J. Watson—who passed him the ball for the big dunk—puts his head down and continues to work.

Like fans, Gibson can't wait to see what happens when the Bulls kick off their regular season Sunday in L.A. against the Lakers. RedEye caught up with the 26-year-old after a recent practice and got his feelings on the coming year, that amazing dunk and some of his favorite Christmas memories.

What's your attitude going into this year?

The same as it's always been, just come in ready to play. Help the team out in any way that I can, play 110 percent. Give it my all and leave it on the court.

Does the team ever think or talk about last year?

We really don't talk about last year. It's just a totally new, clean slate. Training camp was really great for us. Guys just came in, knew what we were all about. ... It was just great for our team and we've been rolling ever since.

Has the lockout affected the Bulls?

It's going to affect any team, not being able to be with each other for months at a time. But since we've been together the whole of last year, and most of the same guys are back, it was just like, nothing to get back into the flow of things.

The Bleacher Report named your playoff dunk the best of the year. What do you think of it?

Really, I just thought it was a great play on behalf of C.J. [Watson] to find me coming down the lane. For me, to just be strong with the ball and finish it was great, but it really should be—I should really and most people should really give—more props to C.J., because being the quarterback in that game, being the point guard and being the leader, he just saw me down the lane and found me.

What are you looking forward to this season?

[I'm] just looking forward to seeing how we do on these back-to-back-to-backs. I know that it's going to be a grind. I know that we are a team that plays with a lot of focus and a lot of heart. Knowing us, [I'm] just looking forward to seeing how we can overcome.



Who's a better screamer, you, Carlos Boozer or Tom Thibodeau?

It's different yells. Like, Boozer yells, like he just [goes] "Wooh!" It's hard to explain. But me, I

just yell like I'm getting chased by a monster or something, like, "Ahh! Help!" But Thibs, he just has that fight, that dog bark, like, "Yeah! Yeah!"

Open presents Christmas Eve or Christmas Day?

We open them on Christmas Eve, right on Christmas Eve. Once the clock hits, that wrapping paper is finished. It's gone. Don't save any for the morning. Because come morning time, you want to get a little bit more rest in before you're able to play with your toys.



Best Christmas movie?

My favorite Christmas movie is "A Christmas Story." They play that every Christmas; it never changes. It's always like one of those movies that you just can't get over. I'm going to enjoy it until I get old.

Christmas ham or turkey?

Christmas turkey. It just has that kind of "unh" to it. I don't know. It's a traditional thing that, I don't know, it brings me good memories back. When my grandmother was alive, she used to cook it, so I always look forward to getting a Christmas turkey.



DAY
23

BULLS ADVENT CALENDAR

The countdown is almost over, Bulls fans. Today is Dec. 23; the Bulls open their season Sunday, so what better way to count down than with a Christmas-style Bulls advent calendar? Today's gift: Is there any question? No. 23 himself, the G.O.A.T. See the video version of our advent calendar at redeyesportsguy.tumblr.com/.

Are most of your Christmas memories of the East or West coast?

It's like half and half. I spent half New York, half California, so it's like, I got the some of the good parts of when it's sunny and it's hot and we go probably to the beach on Christmas Day. And I have the snowy days with turkey and my grandmother in New York, in Brooklyn. It's like half and half, a lot of good memories.

Cold Chicago-type Christmas or warm L.A.-type Christmas?

I kind of like the cold weather and the snow, because it kind of brings the whole atmosphere of Santa coming and snow. And being able to go out there on Christmas Eve, Christmas night, just be able to go play in the snow. What do you like to have for a holiday meal? Stuffing, a lot of people call it dressing. I don't know. Gotta have turkey. I like sweet potato pie, I like pumpkin pie. I don't know. I just like to be surprised. I like whoever's cooking to be spontaneous to come out and be like, "Look what I made for you guys!" GGARVEY@TRIBUNE.COM | @GCGARVEY

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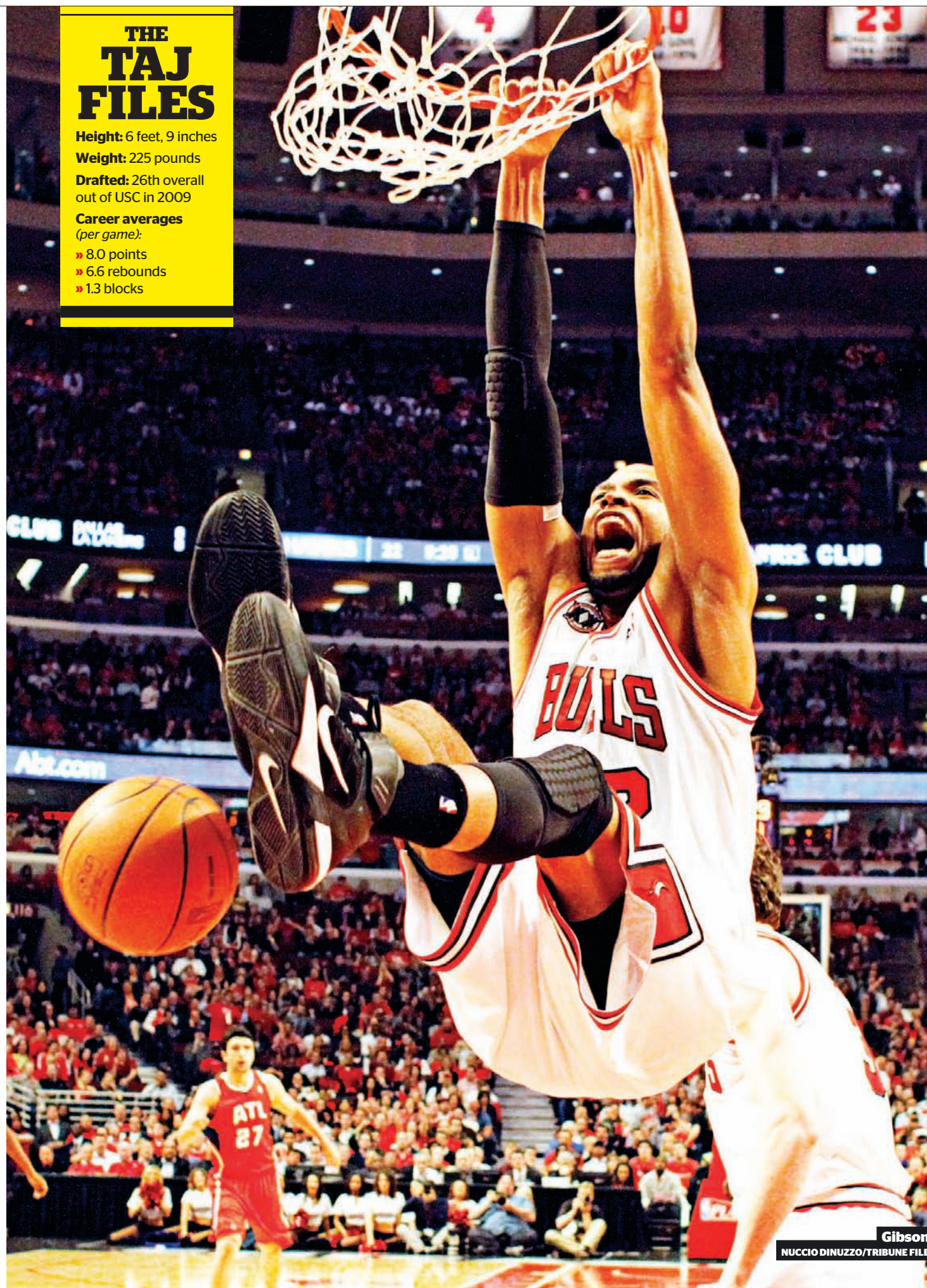
Height: 6 feet, 9 inches

Weight: 225 pounds

Drafted: 26th overall
out of USC in 2009

Career averages
(per game):

- » 8.0 points
- » 6.6 rebounds
- » 1.3 blocks



Gibson
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KOBE FOR X-MAS?

Chicago Tribune

When it comes to Kobe Bryant, the Bulls' interpretation of "day-to-day" is "he will play."

Bryant's status for the Christmas Day game in L.A. is up in the air because of a torn ligament in his right wrist. The Bulls aren't buying it.

"We're planning on him playing," coach Tom Thibodeau said Thursday. "He has always played through things, so we have to be ready."

Kyle Korver has guarded the 13-time All-Star many times during his eight seasons.

"The first time you guard him, you realize how strong he is," the Bulls guard said. "Pound for pound, he might be the strongest man in the NBA. The dude can hold his own in the post."

"I played with Matt Harpring, and you don't get much stronger than him. I remember him coming to the bench one time and saying, 'Man, Kobe is strong.'"



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1 Bulls officially start this weekend. What's your season prediction?

I predict I'll live in an alternate reality in which the season actually was canceled.

Benny the Bull, Derrick Rose and Stacey King continue their streaks of awesomeness.

No. 2 seed, Rip helps, Taj gets flipped for the final piece of the puzzle.

Prediction? PAIN.
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Rose blossoms. Hamilton dominates. And we lose to the Heat in 7.

2 Kobe Bryant could miss the Christmas Day game against the Bulls. Symbolism here?

So what? The year is almost over and he had an extra vacation day to use up.

For X-mas, Kobe Bryant will give us the gift of letting us pretend he already retired.

Nah, he's been playing on the knees of championships past, so it's not a big deal.

He's missing at Christmas due to distresses with his mistresses?

No, no symbolism. He is newly single, though. Someone call the Kardashians!

3 Josh McCown is now the Bears' starting QB. Give him some advice.

Try not to cry during the post-game news conference.

I hope you're up to date on all your medical coverage.

I've heard Jesus is helping out NFL QBs these days. Maybe ask him?

Duck.

You have no receivers, no line, and it's the Packers. We understand if you have the flu.

4 How is a full day of NFL action different on a Saturday than a Sunday?

I'll spend the day at Bag Boy's house deleting cartoons from his TiVo.

Hm, that's tough. Slightly fewer hangovers?

Very painful. I get confused and drink as hard as I would for a college game.

It doesn't feel as sacrilegious to pray for fantasy football points.

Instead of pregame shows and football, it's cartoons, pregame shows and football. Exhausting.

5 What would you recommend WWE superstars do while in town Monday?

Sleep late, order in. But if you go out in public, please put on a shirt. For the kids.

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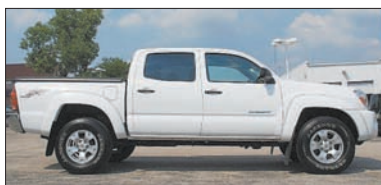
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For the Bears

I want a new GM. Seriously. Jerry Angelo's oversights have pushed me over the edge. Thanks to an unbelievable combination of pride and stupidity, a playoff team will be staying home. That is unforgivable. I want

someone young, smart and a step ahead. Not the guy who's the last man on the planet who knows what a good quarterback is and what a good receiver is. And what a good bet on the offensive line is. Whoever the Theo Epstein of football is—find him. Now.



For the Cubs

A whole new culture. We have new owners, new management and a new manager. Now, enough talk. Go get new players who respect the game and play hard. The rest will take care of itself. No more excuses. Oh, and

Prince Fielder. Yeah. That guy.



For the White Sox

A uniform change. Enough with the Oakland Raiders bad-guy thing. Check the '59 getup and add a healthy shot of red to the mix (you'll look like the Bulls and Hawks—pretty cool).

And Kenny Williams needs to find a new home—maybe Adam Dunn too. Lots to recover from last year.



For the Bulls

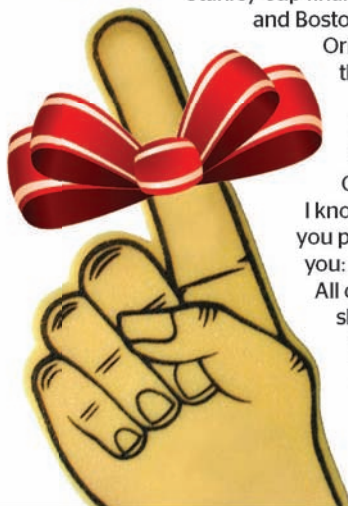
Well, we have Derrick Rose forever, and that's good. He belongs here. Richard Hamilton helps ... but there's someone else out there—I don't know yet. He's mean, he's tough and he'll put us over the Heat. I don't know who he is, but

find him. Get him. This year.



For the Blackhawks

Real simple. Time for Stanley Cup No. 5. I don't know who Ray Emery is, and I don't care. It's his team now—until the next hot goalie comes along. Oh, and I want this for the stocking stuffer: A Stanley Cup final between the Hawks and Boston Bruins. That's pure Original Six magic right there.



For all Chicago fans

Only the best.

I know what every one of you put into this. Some of you: Unhealthy amounts. All of you: More than you should. I just want a fair return on your investment. That's all.

FOUR SCORE

BEARS AT GREEN BAY

Every week before the Bears game, RedEye's sports crew gets to the point. Here's what we expect Sunday.



GREEN BAY 38, BEARS 6

I was in the Christmas spirit. I really think the Bears might be shut out.

Brian Moore
@redeyesportsguy



GREEN BAY 21, BEARS 7

Rodger that

Tracy Swartz
@tracyswartz



GREEN BAY 33, BEARS 6

Santa hits Jerry Angelo over the head with a bag of coal. Repeatedly.

Chris Sosa
@sayitisosa



GREEN BAY 21, BEARS 3

And yet most Packer fans don't even live in Green Bay.

Elliott Serrano
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BEARS AT GREEN BAY 7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC

Sunday's game at Lambeau Field will mark the 184th meeting between the NFC North foes. The Bears hold a series advantage of 92-85-6, although the Packers have won three in a row. The Bears haven't won at Green Bay since 2007. With the 7-7 Bears still clinging to slim playoff hopes, topping the 13-1 Packers would be a great accomplishment, considering the team's current four-game losing streak. "Huge rivalry game," Bears linebacker Lance Briggs said. "Green Bay's a game [that] would bring a lot pride back to us and the city."

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HOW THE WEST WAS WON

10 BARS AND RESTAURANTS
TO DEBUT IN THE WEST LOOP

By Lisa Arnett and Emily Van Zandt

REDEYE

The West Loop has long been considered a dining and nightlife destination—hello, Randolph Street Restaurant Row!—but next year, even more big-name chefs are due to fill in the neighborhood's vacant storefronts. "[Randolph Street is] easily the coolest restaurant street in the country, not just Chicago," said Graham Elliot, who is opening a restaurant this spring at 841 W. Randolph St. "And then one street over is Lake, with Vera and other restaurants, and then you've got Fulton Market with Next and Moto and the Publican, so it's a killer little area and I'm a huge advocate of the free market. I believe that ... everyone's going to do well over there." From to a throwback diner to a sparkling champagne salon, here's what's popping up where.



CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE

2 G.E.B.
841 W. Randolph St.

ETA: Late April or early May
Celeb chef and "MasterChef" judge **Graham Elliot** (of Grahamwich and Graham Elliot in River North) is behind this market-driven, back-to-basics restaurant sharing a cobblestone courtyard patio with Nellcote. The name stands for "Graham Elliot Bistro."



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RM Champagne Salon

116 N. Green St.

4 ETA: February
Sommelier Jason Wagner will head up this champagne salon, which pairs bubbly with cheeses, tea sandwiches, pastries and more.



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Oon Chicago
802 W. Randolph St.

6 ETA: March
Former Saigon Sisters chef **Matt Eversman** cooks up southeast Asian-inspired fare at this restaurant, named for a phrase used by a local journalist to describe his recent success in the local dining scene: "out of nowhere."

City Winery
1200 W. Randolph St.

1 ETA: Late June
Music producer Michael Dorf is opening a second location of his NYC-based winery, which will feature a 300-person music venue/private event space and a 150-person restaurant and bar.



ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE

3 Nellcote
833 W. Randolph St.

ETA: Early February
The owners of Old Town Social commandeered the old Marche space for this restaurant and bar, where chef **Jared Van Camp** will mill his own flour to make pasta and pizzas.

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Chef Alain Njike (Park 52) partners with Bears player Israel Idonije in the South Loop.

ETA: Early January

STOREFRONT COMPANY

Wicker Park eatery from chef Bryan Moscatello.

ETA: Early January

BALENA

Rustic Italian in Lincoln Park from the owners of Boka and The Bristol.

ETA: January

THE MONKEY'S PAW

Farm-to-table fare, craft beer and wine in Lincoln Park.

ETA: Mid-January

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Elaborate bar in the old Slow Down, Life's Too Short space on Elston.

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A River North resto from Melman siblings (Hub 51, Paris Club) plus Giuliana and Bill Rancic.

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Late-night restaurant and bar near Hideout from the owners of DMK Burger Bar and Fish Bar.

ETA: February

MERCER 113

River North hangout from the Social Twenty-Five team.

ETA: February or March

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Sports and craft beer in Wicker Park from the team behind Irish Oak and Derby.

ETA: Late February

FROG N SNAIL

East Lakeview bistro from Sprout's Dale Levitski.

ETA: Early March

THE TRENCHMEN

Chefs Michael and Patrick Sheerin take over the old Spring space in Bucktown.

ETA: March

STOUT BARREL HOUSE & GALLEY

Manor is reborn as a late-night resto and bar.

ETA: March

THE POINT

River West bar and eatery from the owner of Matilda and Clutch.

ETA: Late January or early February

TORTOISE CLUB

Throwback supper club in River North with a jazz trio crooning nightly.

ETA: May

TONY HU'S TBA RESTAURANT

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ETA: October

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Address to be released in January

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John Manion's Latin restaurant

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ETA: Spring The name and exact West Loop location of former Mas chef John Manion's new project hasn't yet been released, but we do know that both food and cocktails will be Latin-inspired.

Little Goat

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5 ETA: Spring Chicago's sole "Top Chef" winner Stephanie Izard is debuting her own spin on a classic diner on the same block as her beloved Girl & the Goat.



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7 ETA: Early 2012 Brendan Sodikoff, who owns Gilt Bar in River North and Maude's Liquor Bar down the block, describes this corner restaurant as a classic diner with a gastronomic touch.

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YES

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Taste matters. Books, movies, music, where to go for dinner—if you can't get along the majority of the time, it's going to be rough going. If they love Top 40 and your musical taste is guided solely by blogs, good luck on sharing the finer things in life. And by finer things, I mean Friday road-trip playlists, Monday morning playlists, Sunday cuddling playlists and a general agreement on whether a festival lineup sucks. Besides, that moment of "I love them too!" when you're looking through someone's iTunes? The best.

If we only shack up with people who shared similar tastes in music, it's likely I would have made some major mistakes at those Chevelle concerts I shamelessly attended in my high school years. While it's nice to have a concert buddy for a significant other, there's something exciting and interesting about a person who's passionate about a genre you either never got into or blindly hate. It takes a bit of an open mind—it will never last if you're a stubborn jerk, let's be honest—but it's a lot easier than you think to overlook someone's seemingly crappy taste in music if he or she is an overall kick-ass person. Musical taste certainly says *something* about a person, but it doesn't say nearly everything.

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NEW
Blue Jeans
Lana Del Rey

It seems like we were due for a 21st century reboot of the crushed velvet vocals and spooky-sexy musicality of Portishead—enter Lana Del Rey. Swaggin' in with her dusty, DIY Super 8 music videos and spectral femininity, this gal makes me proud to call myself an Angeleno, and stands as a reminder that it's never a bad time for a love song.



OLD
You Don't Pull No Punches, But You Don't Push the River
Van Morrison

I think it is (or at least should be) accepted that Van The Man's first solo album, *Astral Weeks*, is one of the single greatest works of spiritual art committed to wax. But several albums later, he returned to that same unmoored, sprawling beauty with *The Veedon Fleece*. The album is ripe with nuggets like this one: unintelligible, musical incantations that, coming from Van, sound like *The Truth*.



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'Zoo' a touchy, feely film



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I'm obviously a softie. Why? Because I recognize that director/co-writer Cameron Crowe's "We Bought a Zoo," largely fictionalized from Benjamin Mee's memoir, packs in so much heavy-handed emotion that the sentence "You may not leave until you get a tear in your eye!" may as well appear on the screen. And yet, the

PG-rated film connected with me—schmaltz and all.

Matt Damon stars as Benjamin, who purchases a Southern California zoo to provide a huge change of scenery following the death of his wife (Stephanie Szostak of "Dinner for

!!! We Bought a Zoo (PG)

Schmucks"). Not only does this rid Benjamin of the neighborhood mothers who present him with sympathy lasagnas—one woman clearly wants to cheer him up with more than lasagna—but it offers a chance for 14-year-old Dylan (Colin Ford) and seven-year-old Rosie (Maggie Elizabeth Jones) to share their ex-reporter dad's longtime fondness for adventure.

Actually, Dylan's not that keen on being so far from his friends, but a budding flirtation with Lily (Elle Fanning), an underwritten character who works on the zoo premises, keeps him occupied.

Lily's cousin, a zookeeper named Kelly, is played by Scarlett Johansson, so you can probably guess that the romantic possibilities

between she and Benjamin are more than zero.

Too often, Crowe goes for cutesy when sweet will do, and several very Crowe-esque songs (Temple of the Dog's "Hunger Strike," Neil Young's "Cinnamon Girl") don't mix with the rest of the film's music by Sigur Ros frontman Jonsi.

Still, I can't resist some of Crowe's well-meaning details, whether it's Benjamin lamenting that "whatever" is recent history's laziest word or teaching his kids about the power that comes from 20 seconds of courage.

Damon is exceptional when Benjamin navigates his own grief and his relationship with his children, and Thomas Haden Church is hilarious as Benjamin's brother, who advises him to stretch himself but "stop just before zebras get involved." "We Bought a Zoo" spends most of its time manipulating the heartstrings, but I'd be lying if I said it didn't succeed in moving mine.

NOW SHOWING



Wonderful silent film says in with the old

The Artist
(PG-13)

!!! At one point in the joyous French silent film, "The Artist," former American silent movie star George Valentin (Cannes best actor winner Jean Dujardin) receives a compliment that kills him: "My father is a big fan." That's because it's the early 1930s, talkies have taken over, and unlike Gene Kelly in "Singin' in the Rain," George hasn't adapted to the changing industry. At all.

Instead, he's watched as Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo, irresistible), whose first brush with fame occurs when she stumbles onto the red carpet George walks, has climbed the ranks from extra to star to full-fledged cinema darling.

This delightful, beautifully acted ode to old Hollywood—co-starring John Goodman, James Cromwell and Penelope Ann Miller—may occasionally feel like a clever, conventionally plotted gimmick, replicating rather than reinventing. (Backlash against the film is already wildly out of control.)

Yet, writer-director Michel Hazanavicius loads "The Artist" with magical, romantic moments—whether it's George and Peppy dancing together longer than they're supposed to during filming or speaking to each other through the movies they make separately. It's in service of a plenty relevant message about people who let fans convince them and their egos that they're big-time celebrities.

Stardom is arbitrary, but folks with character know the difference between the face in the paper and the face in the mirror.

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'War Horse'



A fairy tale goes to battle, nobody wins

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"War Horse" deserves every award it receives for Best Horse Actor of the year. Otherwise, this long, broadly sentimental drama from Steven Spielberg plays like

the pretty movie you feel you're supposed to like but know, deep down, it bored and totally bugged you.

Back in the days, apparently before horses pooped, no one thinks Joey the horse can even properly plow a field. Shows what those early 20th century English folk know: Turns out Joey's an indestructible horse of nature, who laughs (not literally) in the face of bullets, barbed wire and countless changes of ownership. So, as Joey's sold into WWI battle and passed from soldier to soldier to cute little girl to soldier, "War Horse," which opens Sunday, follows every human who falls for Joey's beloved horsiness—he displays nothing special in the personality department—and looks down on any jerk who doesn't think horses are the greatest ever.

We already know Spielberg ("Saving Private Ryan") can nail a war film, and one late battle sequence astounds in ways that

!!! War Horse (PG-13)

the rest of "War Horse" never does. Based on a children's novel later adapted for the stage, the story reduces characters to saints and devils, most absurdly in a scene in which a struggling horse brings astoundingly amiable enemies together.

The script by Richard Curtis and Lee Hall gives little depth to young Albert (Jeremy Irvine), who gawks at and raises Joey, or the other folks who briefly come into contact with him. Shouldn't we follow Albert's efforts to find his pet, not what's going on with the horse, who (thankfully) can't talk or understand what's happening?

Rather than explore the agonies of war and resilience of the bond between humans and animals and humans and humans, "War Horse" creates a twinkly, violent legend that sometimes feels like "Inglourious Softies."

So hollow and misguided is the film's combination of fairy tale and war, in fact, you expect "War Horse" to close by telling us, "Joey was a hero to the English and the Germans alike, and he went on to kill three Nazi generals."

10 worst movie St. Nicks in history

You better watch out, because Santa Claus isn't always such a jolly old elf after all. In fact, sometimes he can be a real creep. At least in the movies. With Christmas days away, let's look at 10 big-screen St. Nicks who deserve some serious coal in their stockings. THEWRAP.COM

10. Billy Bob Thornton "Bad Santa" (2003)

No list of this type would be complete without Thornton's portrayal of booze-soaked grifter Willie in 2003's bitter chestnut "Bad Santa." If you see this guy coming down your chimney, forget the milk and cookies—it's probably best to call 911 instead.



9. Dan Aykroyd "Trading Places" (1983)

Watching Aykroyd's commodities-brokerage director Louis Winthorpe III fall from grace was a present in and of itself. But when a down-and-out Winthorpe dons the red suit, things get downright ugly and very un-Santa-like.

8. Ed Asner "Elf" (2003)

In this 2003 Will Ferrell film, Asner's Santa tells Ferrell's character, abandoned would-be elf Buddy, that his biological father is on "the naughty list." And is it really Santa's business to drive a wedge between a man-boy and his dad?



7. Rickey Smiley "Friday After Next" (2002)

In this "Friday" sequel, comedian Smiley plays a robber who, dressed up as Santa, breaks into Craig and Day-Day's house on Christmas Eve, and jacks their presents and rent money. Now that's not very in line with the holiday spirit.



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6. Patton Oswalt "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas" (2011)

Yes, we know—it's Santa's job to bring every good little girl and boy what they want for Christmas. But when that little boy is Kal Penn's Kumar, and a bag of kush tops his wish list, perhaps it's best to just say, "Ho, ho, no!"



5. Bill Raymond "The Ref" (1994)

In this yuletide spoof in which a cat burglar kidnaps a fractured family and gives them a tough-love lesson on Christmas cheer, Raymond plays George, the family's resentful neighbor who wanders around in a Santa suit and sucks down hooch instead of milk and cookies. Because, as he notes, he's heterosapient.

4. Paul Giamatti "Fred Claus" (2007)

Perhaps it's to Giamatti's credit that he so convincingly plays a modern-day, sarcastic Santa Claus. But his world-weary demeanor still fails to fill us with Christmas cheer.



3. Jeff Gillen "A Christmas Story" (1983)

For many children, visiting a department store Santa can be a traumatizing experience, and Gillen's portrayal in this holiday classic pretty much sums up why.



2. Bill Goldberg "Santa's Slay" (2005)

Former pro wrestler Goldberg plays a particularly bad Santa. And boy, does he do so with panache—stabbing one unlucky reveler's hands into a table with steak knives, setting a girl's head on fire and trying to crush a pair of teenagers with a Zamboni.



1. James Belushi "Jingle All the Way" (1996)

In this family-oriented Arnold Schwarzenegger film, Belushi plays a shopping-mall Santa with a not-so-jolly-at-all sideline: Leading a band of counterfeit toy makers. Not cool, Santa. Not. Cool.

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- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 9:50, 12:10, 3:45, 7:20, 9:45, 10:50
- Don 2 (NR) 12:50, 7:30
- Don 2 3D (NR) 9:45, 4:20, 10:45
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 3:40 P.M.
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:05, 1:15, 4:30, 7:45, 11:00
- Hugo 3D (PG) 9:55, 12:45, 3:35, 6:40
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:00, 12:55, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
- The Muppets (PG) 11:20, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30

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- The Artist (PG-13) 11:00, 12:00, 1:20, 2:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:55
- A Dangerous Method (R) 11:05, 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
- Shame (NC-17) 11:15, 1:40, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50
- Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 11:00, 1:55, 3:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:30
- The Descendants (R) 11:10, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- My Week With Marilyn (R) 11:05, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)

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- War Horse (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:00, 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40
- Hugo 3D (PG) 9:35, 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 10:10, 12:50, 3:30, 6:10, 8:50, 11:30
- The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn (PG) 9:40, 12:20
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:05, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:25
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 9:30, 12:40, 3:00, 3:50, 4:50, 6:20, 7:00, 8:10, 9:30, 10:10, 11:20
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 12:30, 3:10, 4:10, 6:50, 7:50, 10:30, 11:40
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 10:30, 12:10, 1:00, 2:30, 3:20, 5:00, 5:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:40, 12:00
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:20, 1:10, 1:30, 2:10, 4:30, 5:10, 7:40, 8:20, 10:50, 11:50
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 11:05, 2:05, 5:05, 8:05, 10:55
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 11:30
- The Muppets (PG) 11:10, 2:00
- The Sitter (R) 10:20

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- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) * 12:30, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) * 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
- The Muppets (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- The Descendants (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

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- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 10:40, 2:15, 6:00, 9:30
- Immortals 3D (R) 1:20, 6:50
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 10:45, 1:20, 4:05, 6:45, 9:20
- Happy Feet Two (PG) 11:20, 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
- Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Sequel Event (NR) 4:35 P.M.
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 10:50, 11:10, 1:35, 1:40, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 11:25, 2:35, 4:10, 5:55, 7:15, 9:15, 10:20
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 10:50, 11:55, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13) 11:00, 1:50, 7:25, 10:05
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:15, 1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 9:50
- The Sitter (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 1:25, 2:40, 4:25, 5:50, 7:20, 9:00, 10:15
- Jack and Jill (PG) 10:55, 4:05, 9:45

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- The Nutcracker (NR) 4:00 P.M.
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- White Christmas (NR) 3:40, 9:45
- Young Goethe in Love (NR) 9:00 P.M.

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- Young Adult (R) 11:00, 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:20, 11:50
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 10:15, 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15, 12:00
- AMC Independent The Descendants (R) 10:20, 1:05, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
- AMC Independent The Artist (PG-13) 9:20, 11:55, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 9:30, 12:00, 1:10, 3:40, 4:45, 7:20, 8:20, 11:00, 12:00
- AMC Independent My Week With Marilyn (R) 10:05, 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:25, 10:55
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 9:25 A.M.
- AMC Independent Shame (NC-17) 9:40, 10:45, 12:10, 1:30, 2:50, 4:05, 5:20, 6:45, 8:05, 9:25, 10:40, 11:55
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 9:30, 12:15, 2:55, 5:45
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 9:15, 10:00, 12:20, 1:20, 3:30, 4:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30, 12:15
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 9:10, 10:25, 11:30, 12:50, 1:50, 3:20, 4:20, 5:50, 6:55, 8:10, 9:20, 10:30
- Hugo 3D (PG) 5:15, 8:15, 11:20
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 10:55, 2:00, 4:55, 7:55, 10:45
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:25, 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:35
- The Sitter (R) 6:50, 9:10, 11:30
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 9:05, 10:10, 11:15, 12:10, 1:15, 3:25, 4:15, 5:30, 6:25, 7:45, 8:45, 9:30, 10:50, 11:45, 12:30
- The Muppets (PG) 9:00, 11:50, 2:30

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- Young Adult (R) 9:55, 12:35, 3:15, 5:55, 8:40, 11:20
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) 4:20, 7:40, 11:00
- The Adventures of Tintin: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) 10:00, 1:00
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 10:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15
- AMC Independent The Descendants (R) 10:05, 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 9:45, 11:00, 1:10, 2:45, 4:45, 6:30, 8:30, 10:20, 12:15
- J. Edgar (R) 2:10 P.M.
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1:30 P.M.
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 11:20, 2:40, 6:00, 9:20
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 9:50, 11:05, 12:25, 1:40, 3:00, 4:15, 5:40, 6:50, 8:10, 9:25, 10:55
- Hugo 3D (PG) 11:55, 3:10, 6:20, 9:30
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13) 9:45, 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 10:15, 1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:35
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:15, 1:25, 5:10, 8:20, 11:30
- The Sitter (R) 10:45, 1:15, 3:40, 6:10, 8:45, 11:15
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:55, 12:40, 3:55, 5:35, 7:10, 8:50, 10:25, 12:05
- The Muppets (PG) 11:10, 2:00, 4:55, 7:50, 10:50

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- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 11:40, 3:20, 7:05, 10:40
- Immortals 3D (R) 10:30 P.M.
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 9:50, 12:20, 2:45
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 10:20, 1:00
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:00, 1:15, 3:45, 4:30, 5:40, 7:00, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:00
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 9:30, 10:15, 11:00, 11:45, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:00, 4:45, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:40
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13) 11:20, 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:35
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:00
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
- The Sitter (R) 11:35, 1:40, 3:50, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 9:40, 10:05, 12:30, 1:05, 3:40, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 9:45
- Jack and Jill (PG) 5:20, 8:00, 10:25

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- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 11:45, 3:20, 7:00, 10:40
- Happy Feet Two (PG) 10:50, 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 10:00, 12:50
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:05, 1:15, 3:35, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 10:00
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 10:40, 11:10, 1:30, 1:40, 4:10, 4:25, 6:40, 7:15, 9:10, 10:10
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13) 10:30, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30
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- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:15, 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:15
- The Sitter (R) 10:45, 1:10, 3:40, 6:05, 8:30, 10:45
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:35, 12:45, 1:45, 3:55, 4:55, 7:05, 8:05, 10:20
- Jack and Jill (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:20, 6:55, 9:25

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- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 11:40, 3:20, 7:05, 10:40
- Immortals 3D (R) 10:30 P.M.
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 9:50, 12:20, 2:45
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 10:20, 1:00
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:00, 1:15, 3:45, 4:30, 5:40, 7:00, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:00
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 9:30, 10:15, 11:00, 11:45, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:00, 4:45, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:40
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- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
- The Sitter (R) 11:35, 1:40, 3:50, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 9:40, 10:05, 12:30, 1:05, 3:40, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 9:45
- Jack and Jill (PG) 5:20, 8:00, 10:25

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

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- Immortals 3D (R) 11:40, 2:30, 5:10, 8:10, 11:10
- Hugo 3D (PG) 10:15, 1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00
- Arthur Christmas 3D (PG) 10:05, 12:50
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) * 11:20, 1:40, 4:30, 6:45, 9:10
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) * 10:10, 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) * 10:40 A.M.
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) * 10:45, 11:30, 1:45, 2:40, 4:45, 6:00, 7:45, 8:45, 10:45, 11:30
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) * 10:20, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
- The Sitter (R) (Closed caption) 11:50, 2:15, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:40
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) * (Closed caption) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) * 10:00, 1:00, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
- The Muppets (PG) 10:00, 12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) * (Closed caption) 11:10, 2:50, 6:20, 9:50
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) * 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
- The Descendants (R) (Closed caption) 10:50, 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50

VIP Premium 21+

- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) * VIP Premium 21+ 11:30, 2:40, 6:00, 8:45, 11:30
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) * VIP Premium 21+ 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

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1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) * 12:00, 2:25, 7:15, 9:40
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) * 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1:45
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) * 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) * 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) * 1:15, 4:10, 6:45, 9:30
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) * 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123

- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 12:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:20
- J. Edgar (R) 12:45
- The Muppets (PG) 11:00
- The Sitter (R) 1:05, 3:30, 6:00
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 11:15, 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
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- Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 11:35, 1:25, 2:35, 4:25, 5:45, 7:35, 8:35, 10:35
- Young Adult (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
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- A Dangerous Method (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
- The Artist (PG-13) 11:40, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
- Hugo 3D (PG) 11:00, 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55

'Artist' creator Hazanavicius loves sound of silents

The Seattle Times

It's the most unlikely awards contender of the movie year: "The Artist," a loving tribute to Hollywood's silent-film era, is black-and-white, free of dialogue (almost), and written and directed by a Frenchman previously best known for a colorful 1950s-era spy spoof.

"The Artist" arrives in theaters Friday after charming audiences at major film festivals since its debut in Cannes last spring.

"I loved the format," its creator, Michel Hazanavicius, said in near-flawless English, of silent movies. "The audience really participates in the storytelling process. That makes something very special in the way you [as an audience member] stick with the story—you do half the job, you create the voices, you create the dialogue, and you do it with your own words, your own reference. That makes the movie closer to you."

Immersing himself in silent movies, Hazanavicius came up with a story, set in the waning days of Hollywood's silent era: A famous actor (Jean Dujardin) watches his career fade with the arrival of talkies, as a young ingenue (Berenice Bejo) becomes a starlet. He wrote the roles specifically for Dujardin and Bejo, but knew that the movie he was envisioning was particularly American.



Michel Hazanavicius, director of 'The Artist'
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"I thought, with a story about Hollywood, people will connect with that story all over the world because Hollywood is much more than America. Hollywood belongs to the entire world. It's like the Eiffel Tower."

American actors were added to the cast—John Goodman, James Cromwell, Penelope Ann Miller—and the roster was completed by an American dog: Uggie, a Jack Russell terrier recently seen in

the film "Water for Elephants." ("I know he steals the movie," says Hazanavicius, smiling.)

Hazanavicius notes a difference between the way American and European audiences experience his film. U.S. crowds laugh louder, "so there's an energy in the theater that we don't have in Europe," he said. "I think here, it's not just about being funny. When [American audiences] have pleasure, they laugh, they express that joy."

A PRIMER

Writer/director Michel Hazanavicius watched dozens of silent films in preparation for "The Artist." Here are some of his favorites:

- » **City Girl**
1930, dir. F.W. Murnau
- » **The Crowd**
1928, dir. King Vidor
- » **The Docks of New York**
1928, dir. Josef von Sternberg
- » **Four Sons**
1928, dir. John Ford
- » **Lucky Star**
1929, dir. Frank Borzage
- » **The River**
1929, dir. Borzage
- » **Seventh Heaven**
1927, dir. Borzage
- » **Sunrise**
1927, dir. Murnau
- » **Underworld**
1927, dir. Sternberg
- » **The Unknown**
1927, dir. Tod Browning

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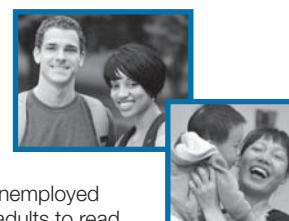
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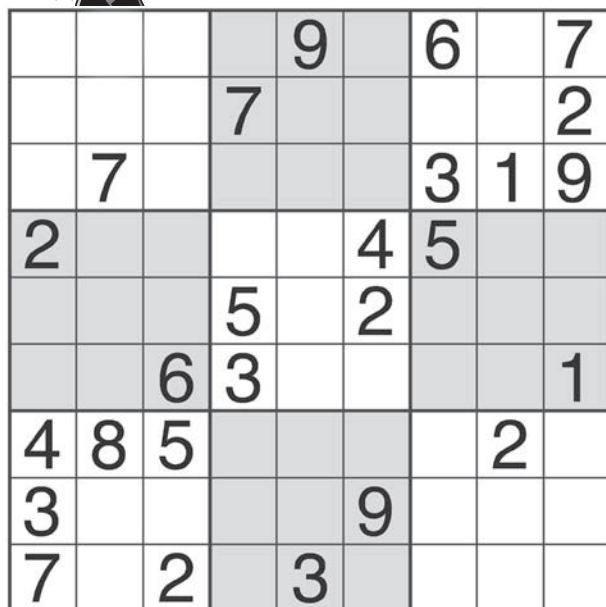
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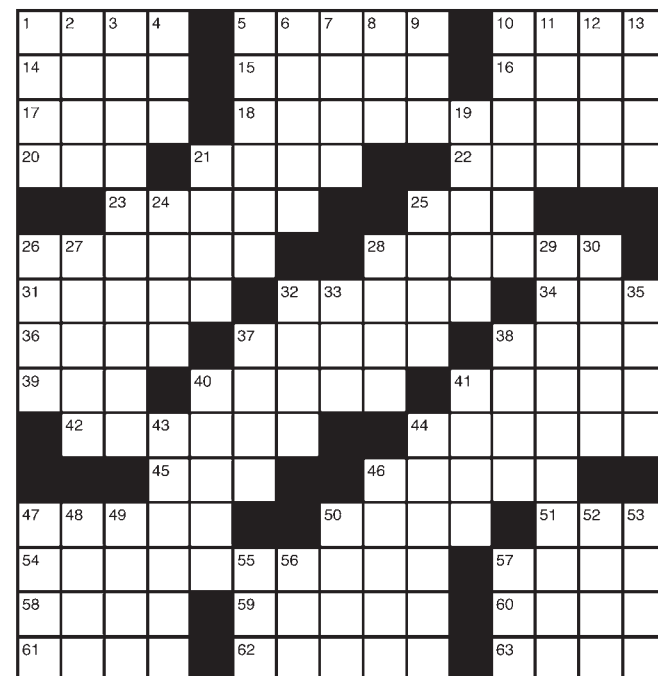
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ACROSS

- Jack of late-night TV
- Stadium
- Poker token
- Monster
- bear;
- white arctic animal
- up; relax
- Poet Alfred, — Tennyson
- School event in the fall
- Subject for Freud
- Nabors and Belushi
- Animal hides
- Tastelessly ornamented
- Half a score
- Fragments of a broken glass
- Nicaraguan guerrilla
- Bees' product
- Date trees
- Historical time
- Calgary's province
- Musical variety show
- Flip-; change one's mind
- Hair —; styling goop
- Ms. Zellweger
- Scoundrel
- Damascus resident
- Picante and Hollandaise
- Building wing
- Feeling of culpability
- Rub until sore
- Beach surface
- Broadcast
- Magician's phrase
- Poker bet
- Help in crime
- Wise saying
- tea
- Sit for an artist
- Doctrine
- Office note

DOWN

- vaulting;
- Olympics sport
- Very eager
- Pompously
- Ruby or scarlet



- Plant pests
- Spacious
- Lawn trees
- Scot's denial
- St. Joan of —
- Concrete
- Ice balls
- "This — brain surgery, you know"
- Small dowels
- Unlocks
- Liza's mom
- Zone

- Heavy book
- Popular 1970s carpet style
- Gaps
- Hint
- Unwillingness
- Came up
- Actor Sean —
- " — Maria"
- Ridicules
- Genuine
- Umpire's call
- Irritates

- Deposited
- Contradict
- Dusk
- Measuring instrument
- Fellow
- Tramp
- High cards
- Read quickly
- Object
- Make over
- Mrs. Nixon
- " — to Billy Joe"
- Goal; purpose

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1997: A jury in Denver convicted Terry Nichols of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing, declining to find him guilty of murder.

1999: The Nasdaq composite index briefly crossed 4,000 and closed at a record high for the 58th time in 1999.

2003: New York Gov. George Pataki posthumously pardoned comedian Lenny Bruce for his 1964 obscenity conviction.

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Beyonce

Which were you more excited about: finding out about Babyonce, or learning that your cousin is pregnant? Exactly. As if "4" wasn't enough to get us pumped up in 2011.



Ryan Gosling

He practically has a meme-a-day calendar, he broke up a street fight after leaving "the gymnasium" and he does ballet in gym shorts. If Ryan were any more precious, he'd be a Muppet.



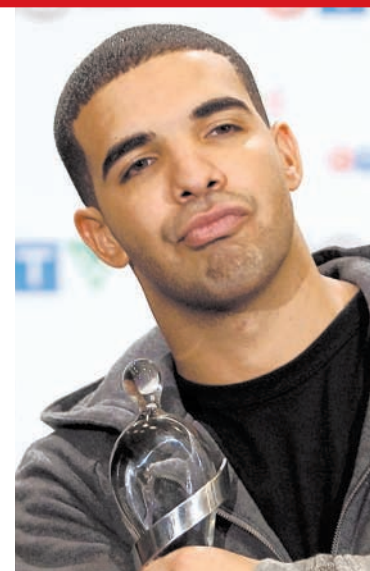
The Muppets

SPEAKING of our felt friends, was there anyone you were happier to see this year than Kermit, Miss Piggy and Gonzo? For bringing ear-to-ear smiles to adults of all ages, these guys are picking up some sick swag.



Kate Middleton

True, she's not a princess yet, but the brand-new Duchess of Cambridge won the crap out of 2011. Runner-up: her sister's derriere.



Drake

After watching this sultry Canadian bust a move on 2011, sweaters probably moved to the top of your wish list. Drake also did some major favors to cuddlers everywhere.

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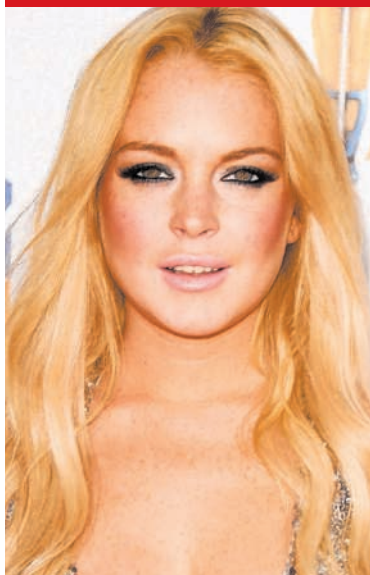
Ho-ho-Hollywood

Find out which celebrities kept it on the straight and narrow, and who fell off the wagon

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Are you ready to go swimming in wrapping paper and eggnog? Our favorite celebs probably are too. We've managed to get an illicit copy of Santa's naughty and nice lists in advance of his chimney work. Who's getting a brand-new mansion, and who's headed for a sock full of coal? Check it out. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

NAUGHTY



Lindsay Lohan

Sometimes we think LiLo's trying to redeem herself ... but then she goes and steals stuff/has a g-ross photo spread in Playboy. We'll take upgraded redhead Emma Stone, please.



Kim Kardashian

Santa instantly regrets including Ms. Kardash on this list because it reminds her that E! and the entire seventh grade still think she's a celebrity. Heartbreakers don't do too well at the North Pole.



Charlie Sheen

Oh yeah, all that stuff happened this year. Charlie just didn't suck up enough to Santa—or the nation—to get back on the "nice" track.



Ashton Kutcher

The new "Two and a Half Men" star replaced Charlie Sheen this year, but they're still on this list together. If he doesn't cut his hair and stop hoin', we might forget how awesome he was on "That '70s Show."



Scarlett Johansson

Santa knows ScarJo tried to be good, but she made icky choices in fashion (see: Guys Choice Awards), movies (see: "We Bought a Zoo") and men (see: Sean Penn). Better luck next year.



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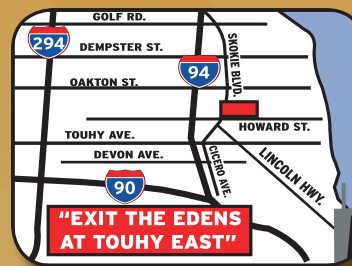


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“I’m not the kind of person that just slops around in sweat-pants. I like to feel a little more together—you never know who you’re going to see out there!”

— **Scarlett Johansson**, to **style.com**, on why she’s always seen wearing makeup

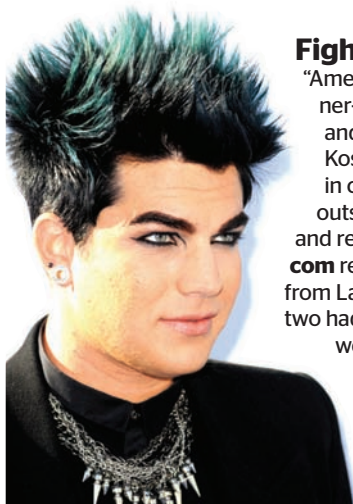
THE DIGIT

5 That’s how many times Kate Middleton will have to change outfits on Christmas Day for all of her events with the royal family, according to **thr.com**.

Scarlett Johansson
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Fight club

“American Idol” runner-up **Adam Lambert** and boyfriend Sauli Koskinen were arrested in connection with a fight outside a Finnish gay bar and released Thursday, **thr.com** reports. A tweet later from Lambert implied the two had been drunk and were now “laughing bout it.” They could start with the name of the bar: DTM (Don’t Tell Mama).



Who’s that girl?



Julianne Moore as Sarah Palin

Julianne Moore and Sarah Palin—separated at birth? You’d think so after seeing the actress’ spot-on portrayal of the 2008 GOP vice presidential candidate in a teaser trailer. The upcoming HBO film, “Game Change,” explores how Palin factored into the election—and Moore steals the show. Tina Fey, you’re on notice.

It’s a knockout

Just in time for all the last-minute shoppers who weren’t thoughtful enough to plan ahead comes a line of e-greeting cards from boxing legend Mike Tyson at **stargreetz.com**. Iron Mike’s Christmas eCard includes such classic lines as “But I still have all my real teeth, so wear earmuffs when you’re around.” The ringtones, mobile alerts and e-cards can be had for \$.99 to \$2.99. Happy awkward holidays.

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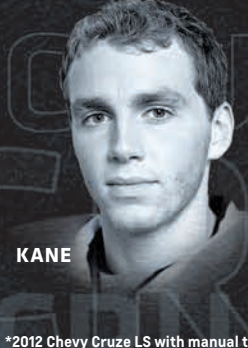

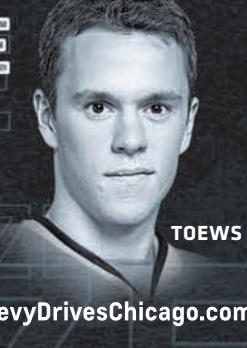
JAN. 2, 2012 That has officially been declared **Deadmau5**

Day by the mayor of Las Vegas, **billboard.com** reports. The honor recognizes the DJ’s partnership with Wynn Las Vegas and 2012 residencies at two city nightclubs.



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